**SMART Boards in the Elementary General Music Classroom**

**Interactive Internet Site Evaluation**

1. Internet Address: http://www.classicsforkids.com
2. Page Title: Classics for Kids
3. Who is the author of this site? Cincinnati Public Radio
4. What are the credentials of the author? Charles H. Dater Foundation, Parent Magazine, Buddy Roger’s Music, Naxos, and Charles J. Schott Foundation are all sponsors. Cincinnati Public radio is a public station.
5. Does the site contain accurate and unbiased information? Yes
6. Is the site up-to-date? Yes.. There is a weekly Composer that is highlighted and a monthly featured composer.
7. Does the site contain contact information such as e-mail and postal addresses? Yes , you can press the Talk to Us button.
8. What is the purpose of the site (commercial, educational, political, etc.)? Educational and public broadcasting.
9. What are some ideas for how you would utilize this site on the SMART Board in your classroom situation? We study composers and instruments of the orchestra. Both of these topics are addressed on this website. Many musical examples of instrument sounds, composers’ works, etc. are given for students to hear.

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**Software Evaluation**

**(Software to be used on the SMART Board)**

***(Based on Tom Rudolph’s “Selecting the Software”***

***from page 143 in Teaching Music with Technology)***

1. **Program Information:**
   1. Publisher:
   2. Title:
   3. Author:
   4. Cost:
2. **Program Requirements:**
   1. What must the student know or understand to use the program?
   2. What class or course could use the program?
   3. Can it be used with more than one grade?
3. **Program Format:**
   1. Is the program drill and practice, tutorial, testing, and/or a game?
4. **Hardware Requirements:**
   1. Would it matter if the SMART Board were mounted on the wall or if it were portable?
   2. **Is it necessary for young elementary students to touch the top of the screen?**
5. **Written Documentation:**
   1. What directions do the program provide, either in print, on a disk, or on the web?
   2. Are there suggested lessons or other information of benefit to the user?
6. **Program Customization:**
   1. Does it allow you to customize the sequence?
7. **Instructional Content:**
   1. Program Structure: Student Directed, Computer Directed
   2. Sequence of Materials: Excellent, Good, OK, Fair, Poor
   3. Pace of Instruction: Excellent, Good, OK, Fair, Poor
   4. Quality of Interaction: Excellent, Good, OK, Fair, Poor
8. **Student Record Keeping:**
   1. Does it record the student’s progress?